

SENATE RESOLUTION 40

By Roberts

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Molly Hudgens upon her receipt of the Citizen Honors Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Molly Hudgens, who was recently named a recipient of the 2017 Citizen Honors Award by the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hudgens received her award on March 25, 2017, at Arlington National Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hudgens was given this award in recognition of her valiant action in defusing a potentially devastating scene; she coaxed a fourteen-year-old student into relinquishing a loaded gun he had in his possession inside the school building at Sycamore Middle School in Cheatham County; and

WHEREAS, the student came to Mrs. Hudgens on the day in question to talk to her about issues he was having; he said that Mrs. Hudgens was the only person with whom he could discuss these issues; and

WHEREAS, the student had the loaded gun hidden on his person; Mrs. Hudgens soon became suspicious that this might be the case and asked the student if he was in possession of a weapon; and

WHEREAS, the student admitted that he was carrying a weapon, and he told Molly Hudgens that it was his intention to take the lives of several teachers and a police officer at the school that day; and

WHEREAS, after talking with Mrs. Hudgens for forty-five minutes, the teen handed over his semiautomatic pistol and spare ammunition, and no one was harmed; and

WHEREAS, showing grace under pressure and relying on her training and skill set, Mrs. Hudgens ultimately prevented a crisis on school grounds; her heroism cannot be overstated; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hudgens began working at Sycamore Middle School in 1999 as a language arts teacher; she joined the counseling department in 2006; and

WHEREAS, for eighteen years, Molly Hudgens has devoted her time and talents to educating, mentoring, and counseling students at Sycamore Middle School; while in the classroom, she was twice named Teacher of the Year, and she has certainly proven herself an invaluable asset to the counseling team; and

WHEREAS, Molly Hudgens lives in Cheatham County on a farm with her husband, Jason, and their two sons; she considers Sycamore Middle School her second home and its staff and students her second family; and

WHEREAS, the heroism of Sycamore Middle School counselor Molly Hudgens is a testament to her character and her compassion for the students under her care. A troubled student felt as though Mrs. Hudgens was the only one he could talk to, and because of this and her deft handling of the sensitive situation, lives were undoubtedly saved that day; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hudgens is a true hero, and it is fitting that she be honored; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we recognize and congratulate Molly Hudgens upon her receipt of the 2017 Citizen Honors Award from the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation, thank her for her stalwart display of courage, and wish her much success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.